GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:62
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2001
USE OF HINDI IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR
JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that the responsibility of implementation of official language `Hindi`, its propagation and promotion lies with the Government and particularly with his Ministry being in direct contact with villagers and farmers;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has been doing its work, research and bringing out literary publications in Hindi and its library keeps 50 percent Hindi books in accordance with the Official Language Act;

(c) whether the Members of the Hindi Advisory Committees are nominated as Supervisors to the Official Language Implementation Committees;

(d) if not, the reasons for not implementing the Annual Programme of one year for progressive use of Hindi even in thirty years due to which the same programme is repeated again and again; and

(e) the concrete steps being taken to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.62 DUE FOR REPLY ON 26TH JULY, 2001.

(a) The Ministry of Agriculture is conscious of the provisions of Official Languages Act,1963 and the Rules framed thereunder and their implementation.

(b) The four departments in the Ministry of Agriculture i.e. Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying and Department of Food Processing Industries bring out their publications in Hindi from time to time. The Hindi books are also being purchased but at present target of 50% is yet to be achieved.

(c) For implementation of the Official Language Act, 1963 and Rules and orders issued thereunder, each of the four departments in the Ministry of Agriculture have constituted their own official language implementation committee (OLICs).The department of Agriculture and Cooperation have also constituted a Hindi Advisory Committee on 16.3.2001. It has been decided to have a Joint Advisory Committee for the Ministry of Agriculture. Action will be taken to nominate some non-official member of Hindi Advisory Committee as observer to OLICs, in accordance with the instructions issued by the Department of Official Language (DOL).

(d) & (e) Continuous efforts are being made to implement the Annual Programme issued by the Department of Official Language. The meetings of the OLICs are convened once in every quarter on regular basis. Progress of the use of Hindi in official work of all sections is reviewed in these meetings and follow up action is taken to ensure the implementation of the Official Language Act and the Rules framed thereunder. Also, on the spot Hindi inspections of various sections and attached/Subordinate offices of the department are also conducted from time to time.